

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 810

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kathryn Finley upon receiving the Mary Neal Alexander Outstanding 4-H Agent Award for 2007.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Finley is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Finley, an Extension Agent in Robertson County, recently received the Mary Neal Alexander Outstanding 4-H Agent Award for 2007; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Finley has worked assiduously and productively with the Robertson County 4-H program to increase enrollment and expand participation in senior high school service projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Finley's careful tutelage, senior high school service projects have included student volunteering at the Salvation Army and the county fair, working with the Minnesota 4-H program on a fairgrounds project, conducting a Homeland Security Mock Disaster, and participating in Operation Christmas Child, a GIS mapping project, Round-Up, All Star Retreats and Congress service projects, and drama performances; and

WHEREAS, she has orchestrated numerous senior programs, such as the County Wide/Honor Club, Acting for Life Dramatic Improv Troupe, Interstate 4-H Exchange Group, as well as judging teams, teen leadership in organized clubs and special interest groups, and camp; and

WHEREAS, with Ms. Finley's guidance and support, Robertson County teens have served in a variety of leadership roles in 4-H, such as state council representative, all-star officer, governor, speaker of the house, and speaker of the senate; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Finley has lent her time and talents to numerous professional associations, including TAE4-HW since 1994, state conferences, and national meetings, where she presented a poster session; and

WHEREAS, the current Headlines Editor, Ms. Finley has also served as a conference co-chair and past district director, as well as on conference committees and programs committees; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Finley has received the George S. Foster Award, DSA, Communicator of the Year Award, and was Southern Region Communications Winner – News Story in 2007; and

WHEREAS, as a TEAFCS member, Kathryn Finley has attended one national meeting, where she presented a workshop; as an ESP member, she received the State Early Career Award and the State Mid-Career Award; and

WHEREAS, she has also contributed her many energies and talents to writing grants, developing numerous 4-H project activity pages, piloting Power U in the fourth grade, serving on regional and state committees for Consumer Decision Making Judging and on the Tech Camp committee, and organizing volunteer leaders; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Finley is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the “Volunteer State,” and she should be specially recognized, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Ms. Kathryn Finley upon receiving the Mary Neal Alexander Outstanding 4-H Agent Award for 2007, and commend her for her honorable and astute service to the students of the Robertson County 4-H program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.